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Venice, Jan. 29.

WE have advice from *Sicily*, that the Marquess *de Castel Rodrigo*, Vice-Roy of that Kingdom, arrived at *Palermo* about the middle of the last moneth, that the chief motive of his coming thither, was to endeavour the settlement of a Contribution from the Barons of the Kingdom, towards the carrying on the War. That with their assistance, together with the 3000 men he expects from *Naples*, and the 2000 from *Milan*, he proposes to bring into the Field, an Army of 18000 men; That 18 *French* men of War having been seen off of *Palermo*, the Viceroy had immediately reinforced the neighboring Garisons, and particularly *Termini*, the Inhabitants of which place are said not to be very well affected to the *Spanish* Government. The same care had been taken to reinforce *Trapani*, *Siracusa* and other places which were most exposed to the enemy. That *Melazzo* was still invested, and that it was reported, the *French* had taken a very considerable Post near it. That there were great commotions at *Catanea*, notwithstanding the Presence of the Maistre de Camp General, and other principal Officers of the Army.

Genoua, Jan. 31. On Friday last 7 *Spanish* men of War, and several Tartanes, on which were embarked 2500 Soldiers, sailed from *Final* for *Sicily*.

Argiers, Decemb. 25. This Government continues firm in its resolution to maintain the Peace inviolably with the English; and as a mark thereof, have caused several Goods taken out of some English ships, by their Men of War, to be restored to the English Consul, and the Offenders to be punished; and accordingly there are at present remaining in the Consuls hands, 18 Chests of Sugar, 30 Hogsheads of Tobacco, 4 Bales of Bayes, 2 Barrels of Nails, 18 Quoyles of Cordage, and a Hauser, which will be delivered to the Owners upon their application to the Consul.

Vienna, Febr. 4. The Emperor having granted a general Pardon to the Malecontents of *Hungary*, with restitution of their Goods and Estates, and liberty to have a Church in every Province for the free exercise of their Religion; the General *Baragotz* parted hence some days since to carry the said Pardon; and we hear already, that most of the said Malecontents, upon the advice they had that the Emperor had declared he would grant the same, are retired to their respective homes; and that about 2 or 3000 have put themselves into his Imperial Majesties service, in which, it's said, they would be followed by many others, insomuch that we are told that of them and those Troops the Emperor would have been obliged to have kept in *Hungary* this Summer, in case this accommodation had not been made, an Army of 18 or 20000 men will be formed, to be employed in the present War, as there shall be occasion. This Court, as we are informed, does not take it well that the King of *Poland* should send the Marquis *de Beshune* a French Man, to complement their Imperial Majesties upon the subject of their Marriage. The Pope's Nuncio having taken his leave of the Emperor, means to part hence to morrow, on his way towards *Nimeguen*, whither he will in few days be followed by the Bishop of *Gurck*, the Emperors first Ambassador for the Treaty.

Francfort, Febr. 7. You will have already heard of the execution that hath been done by the Count *de Bussy*, who between the *Rhine* and the *Saar*, hath burnt about 200 Villages, and would have proceeded to have made farther spoil in the *Lower Palatinate*, but that Colonel *Bentleben*, with several Troops of the Elector *Palatin* under his command, came and posted himself at *Lauterne*. The French have finished all their Mines at *Deuxponts*; so that when the command is given, all the Fortifications will be demolished in few hours. The Records, and other Papers of State are removed from thence, and the Library that was there, is, it's said, given to the Archbishop of *Rheims*. On the other side the Imperialists are drawing a Body of Men together, and to that purpose the Regiment of *Chavignat* has endeavoured to pass the *Rhine* at *Philipsburg*, but has been hitherto hindred by the high waters. The Imperialists are extremely pleased at the certain news we have from *Hungary*, of the submission of the Malecontents of that Kingdom.

Cologne, February 19. The Baron *de Platen*, Mareschal of the Court of the Bishop of *Osnabrug*, continues still here, but purposes to part from hence some time the next week for *Nimegnen*, in quality of Envoy Extraordinary from the said Bishop. The Duke of *Neubourg* is now on his return towards these parts; the 18 instant his Highness was to arrive at *Russelheim*, about a League from *Mentz*, where the Landgrave of *Darmstad* his Brother-in-Law would meet him. From *Strasburg* they write, that the French continue to work for the demolishing of *Saverne*, and that the Inhabitants of the Town of *Molsheim* feared it would be their turn next. A party of the Duke of *Neubourgs* Troops hath had an Encounter with another party belonging to *Maestricht*, in which the former had the advantage, and hath brought hither 40 Prisoners. Part of the *Osnabrug* Troops are come to *Wernigben*, two Leagues from this City, which place they are fortifying. A party of the said Troops have been within the Territories of *Aix le Chapelle*, where they have taken a great Booty.

Nimeguen, Febr. 17. The Preliminary Points are now adjusted, and in few days the several parties will enter upon the Treaty in order to a Peace, which is at present the desire and prayer of many thousands of people, who have been reduced to the utmost extremity, by the calamities of the War. We expect here in a day or two the Sieur *Straetman*, the Emperors third Ambassador.

Amsterdam, Febr. 19. The Letters we receive from *Germany* speak of the great Armies the Emperor is resolved to bring into the Field this Campagne, to be commanded by General *Montecuculi*, who, it's said, will endeavor to enter into *France*, and that in order thereunto he will come down towards *Treves*. We are told that the Marquis *de Grana* is in few days expected at the *Hague*, on the part of the Emperor, to concert with